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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
86	86	85
66	62	59
40%	30%	10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

40:60

The ratio of females to males at GCSU.

Source: GCSU Admissions

The makings of a college town



Downtown 1940 - Downtown 2007

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The above is an illustration of how Milledgeville has shifted over the years from a small quaint town to a micropolitan college town. The picture shows the corner of Hancock street and Wayne street. On the left is Milledgeville during 1940. Oliver & Kidd Drugstore, now Hardwick Finance Company, is on the corner. Not shown but still currently there today is the Coca-Cola wall mural on the side of the building on the corner. On the right is Milledgeville current day. The town government and GCSU have begun to work together to produce a more safe and productive city. Read more in the story below.

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BY SPENCER LITLAND
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Milledgeville has a positive outlook on the "town and gown" relations of GCSU and the city government.

"Town and gown" refers to the relations between a university and the town or city in which it is located. GCSU has been located in Milledgeville since it was founded in 1889 as Georgia Normal & Industrial College. The college has grown and become a massive establishment in Milledgeville, contributing to economy, society, and historical importance.

The evolution of Milledgeville into a college town has jumped in recent years with the sudden student population explosion as recent as the mid-nineties. Craig Amason, the executive director of the Andalusia Farm off Hwy 441, went to GCSU in the late 1980s and says the town and the school have grown exponentially since. With that growth came the importance of a stronger and more in depth relationship between GCSU and the town of Milledgeville.

What is the relationship of Milledgeville to GCSU? Mayor

Richard Bentley has lived in Milledgeville his whole life, 44-years, and believes the city government has warm relations with the school.

"I consider it a blessing that Milledgeville is home to the only publicly accredited liberal arts institution in Georgia" Bentley said.

Dr. Leland, president of GCSU agreed.

"There is a strong communication between the town and the university and we collaborate on matters that concern both."

Although having this institution here and close to downtown has it benefits, it causes problems as well. These include rezoning, parking, and historical preservation.

City Manager Scott Wood is well aware of these issues.

"GCSU is an asset to the community economically and culturally," Wood said. "What is good for the college is good for the community and vice versa."

The city government believes that challenges faced by the presence of a university can be overcome by working together.

"The College wants to be good

neighbors," Bentley said, "so we can work to combine education with heritage."

President Leland echoed many of Bentley's comments about town and university relations. She cited numerous examples of joint activities the two entities hold together.

"University police provide back-up for the city," said Dr. Bryan Jackson, director of communications at GCSU.

President Leland also added that she is "always asking how something impacts the community in Milledgeville."

One of the major concerns in Milledgeville is historical preservation. Milledgeville is one of few planned capital towns. Its history runs deep within the nations veins.

Amason believes that the school helps in this area. GCSU has been of benefit in preserving historical buildings by rehabilitating them for university use.

"Historical accuracy must sometimes be compromised in order to keep a building alive," Amason said.

Another problem that GCSU students and the town face is housing zones. Students want to live as comfortable and as close to

campus as possible. Milledgeville has been zoned into multiple resident districts and single family districts.

"Zoning inconsistencies", as referred to by Bentley, are being dealt with GCSU in mind. An example that the Mayor referred to was "rezoning two blocks across from Russell as MR2s to allow multiple residents in homes and an ordinance to allow lofts above buildings."

Both GCSU and Milledgeville have continually expressed their desire to keep each other in mind when making decisions. Bentley says that "decisions have to be made in compromise."

Overall, the dichotomy of "town and gown" does not hold up between Milledgeville and GCSU. Bentley wants the students to know that Milledgeville is "their city government as well, they are part of the community, and our doors are always open." The Mayor wants students to feel welcome and the University wants to keep the community in mind. With citizen-minded people, Milledgeville and the university can break any dichotomy they face.

September 11 begins to fade after six years

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS
SENIOR REPORTER

It seemed like just another school day for GCSU students.

Groups congregated around benches in front of the library.

Others walked briskly through the crowds while text messaging their classmate to save them a seat.

Half a dozen students stood in line at Books and Brew yawning and impatiently tapping their feet hoping to get their cappuccino before their 9 a.m. class.

One student began to write a check for her grande white chocolate mocha. She stopped for a moment and looked puzzled.

Finally she asked the woman behind the register the days date. Casually the woman replied that it was Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Tuesday was the 6-year anniversary of the worst terrorist attack against the United States that claimed almost 3,000 lives and left the nation in shock.

But the tragedy that most media immediately called the defining moment of today's generation of young adults was not what defined most GCSU students plans.

"I haven't participated in anything concerning 9/11 and the attacks," said Taylor Minch, sophomore, who is currently undecided about his major. "I mean, I remember where I

was when it happened and that is really sad that all those people lost their lives but it was six years ago, its fading. I don't want to dwell on it."

The generation of young adults today also called the millennial generation, which includes anyone born in the early 1980's to 2000, experienced many other tragedies since the Sept. 11 attacks took place. They have had to deal with intense media coverage of tragedy like the Virginia Tech massacre in April 2007.

"The tragedies that students have dealt with since the attack six years ago

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Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Paul Jahr, in the blue shirt, looks at the memorial remembering Sept. 11, on front campus last Tuesday.

GCSU to add Y-chromosomes to campus

College aims to attract more males to balance gender ratio

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
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Since the 1980s, there has been more women enrolling in universities across the United States. Some say it is because having a degree became more expected for women going into careers. Yet mid-state schools in Georgia have been trying to attract more males to campus for the past few years to keep the ratio equal.

Here at GCSU our beginnings create reasonable explanation for our present ratios. Since GCSU started as an all women's college in 1889 and did not begin integrating men until 1967, it has a reason for the lower ratio of males on campus. Director of Admissions, Mike Augustine, imparts the current student gender ratio is 40 percent male and 60 percent female.

According to Suzanne Pittman, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management and director of Financial Aid, the college's roots are still affecting the ratio.

"Since we started as a women's school, it's only natural to still have more women on campus," Pittman says.

Essentially GCSU has only been a co-ed public university for four decades. A major factor to note is the nationwide movement of more women applying to colleges as well.

"There is a recent college trend that shows the women rate is outpacing men in admissions,"

Augustine said.

However, he also noted that though GCSU is looking to bring more males to campus awarding points to gender is unconstitutional.

"We seek to see what everyone can contribute," Augustine said.

Therefore the applicant ratios are usually the same as those that are accepted ratios. For example, if out of all the applicants 59 percent are female then the percent accepted later on is about equal.

Statistically, out of all the students enrolled in colleges across the nation, 57 percent are women. Some people think this is because women feel the need to get a college degree more than men.

"For the young woman, the amount of money (she) can make with just a high school diploma is quite a bit lower than what a man can make," Jacqueline King, director of the American Council on Education's Center for Policy Analysis, said.

An individual's maturity and decisions for their future can hinder whether or not they decide to apply.

"Women mature faster than men, and men do not always know what they want yet," Pittman said.

Some of the things Augustine and Pittman are looking to do to attract more male students to campus include advertising to men specifically by accentuating intramural sports and the wellness depot.

"I don't think we have done a real focus on attracting men yet," Pittman said.

They are still working out how they plan to target males in the future. Overall, GCSU is just now beginning the process of bringing the ratio closer to being equal.

Students on campus have expressed many different views on this subject.

"This was originally a woman's college; therefore men are still trying to integrate into it," sophomore Brian Davis said. "The ratio difference is fine."

"It has been proven that there are more women going to college because they have better grades," freshman Ian Deery said.

There has also been talk about the specific programs on campuses that attract most males such as engineering, architecture and sports medicine.

"I think it has more to do with what the schools specialize in than anything," sophomore Cameron Ellis said. "For instance, GCSU has an excellent Education program and more women are likely to be education majors. Georgia Tech on the other hand is famous for its engineering program, which attracts more males."

However, with more females applying and becoming students even engineering schools are beginning to have changes in their ratios. Sports teams also are major motives for males, and, since GCSU does not have a football team, it does not attract major sports buffs.

Yet, in the midst of all these things it is important to remember that GCSU



PAUL GRIGSBY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

At a lecture on contemporary outreach in the Native American Community, females dominate the gender ratio. GCSU first began as an all women's school in 1889 as Georgia Normal & Industrial College, which partially explains the gender imbalance.

still has a pretty balanced male-female ratio according to national standards of enrollment. Students claim to barely recognize the difference and they rarely care.

"I feel satisfied with the ratio of females and males on campus," freshman Katie Hannah said.

Nevertheless, this subject has become a hot media topic nationwide.

"It's proven through history that change takes time," freshman Caleb Rule said.

At GCSU it has become clear that things are definitely evolving.



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Even on campus near the fountain beside the library, females outnumber males six to two. The ratio of females to males at GCSU is 60 percent to 40.

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English and speaking courses to merge in newest core revamp

BY DANIELLE BRANTLEY
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Prospective changes in GCSU's core curriculum requirements may sharpen future students writing and speaking skills. The General Education Implementation Committee proposed a plan to merge English composition seminars with thematic writing and speaking intensive courses.

"A lot of faculty felt the core was not very distinctive and student's skills were not well developed in writing and speaking. We want the students here to be able to take skills and apply them across the curriculum," said Dr. Deborah Vess, chair of the General Education Implementation Committee.

But, first, the Board of Regents must approve the new core curriculum plan. Vess says the whole process will take several years.

If the new core curriculum plan passes, "two semester English composition courses will phase out" and merge into thematic writing and speaking courses, with an emphasis on global and diversity issues.

"Students could take a course on AIDS and then write about AIDS topics in the composition course," Vess said.

Part of the liberal arts

mission of GCSU is for students to be able to communicate effectively. However, public speaking classes are not required.

"Oral communication is a very important skill," Vess said.

The new core curriculum would require all students to take a public speaking course.

According to Vess, only students who enter GCSU after the revision of the core curriculum will need to meet the new core requirements.

Sherquita Bostick, GCSU junior business major, transferred to GCSU this fall and welcomed the core changes.

"When I came from community college I forgot stuff. I think the changes would refresh student's memories," Bostick said.

Currently, the committee is focusing on how to implement changes and considering the staffing requirements associated with a new core curriculum.

"We want to develop courses that offer a better learning experience for students," Vess said.

Diana Martinez, GCSU senior psychology major, says that her class experiences in Spain don't measure up to her class experiences at GCSU.

"In general, classes are really active. In Spain, we don't have a test each week and it makes it hard-

er because we only have one big final at the end. Here, we have good support," Martinez said.

The General Education Implementation Committee's efforts to create a new supportive core curriculum stretches several years back.

According to the General Education Implementation Committee's website, in 2004 the committee developed the mission: "to suggest revision to the core curriculum so that the revised core reflects the University's liberal arts mission."

In 2005, the committee proposed "The GC&SU Plan: A Proposal for a Revised Core Curriculum."

As of spring 2006, some of the core curriculum plan emphases are aesthetics, health and information literacy, and technology.

Vess says in the future, the committee will continue to suggest revisions in the core curriculum to give students "a whole lot more variety and choice."

For more detailed information about prospective changes in the core curriculum visit the General Education Implementation Committee's website. The committee's website is <http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/genedreview/>.



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Dr. Michael Digby, chair of the Department of Government and Sociology, has been at GCSU for 37 years. He serves as the interim dean of the college of Arts and Sciences as the school searches for a replacement.

Digby fills in for Rushing while new dean is found

BY ALI DUCKWORTH
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A national search for a new dean for the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences has been underway since the departure of former dean, Dr. Beth Rushing on June 1.

Dr. Anne V. Gormly, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Faculties, met with the faculty from SoLAS last April to discuss issues concerning the school, as well as what they were looking for in a new dean.

They were also asked for recommendations on how the search committee would be structured, as well as who would sit on it. At that time, she also announced the interim, or temporary dean, for SoLAS.

"I was looking for somebody who would be able to work effectively, and have the trust and respect of a lot of people, and that obviously was Dr. Digby," Gormly said.

Dr. Michael Digby, chair of the Department of Government and Sociology, has been at GCSU for 37 years. He teaches Political Science and Public Administration.

While he is not a candidate for the deanship, he is no stranger to the dean's office having served a term in the 90s as assistant dean. In addition to his duties as interim dean, Digby will teach a graduate course in the Master of Public Administration program in the new center in Macon this semester.

Gormly organized the search committee of nine faculty representatives from the different departments to represent the entire school. The chair of the committee is Dr. Martin Lammon, chair of the MFA Creative Writing Program.

"I am optimistic that we are on track- time wise," Gormly said. "We are get-

ting a lot of inquiries about the position. And it looks like there is already a good pool of candidates that are suitable."

SoLAS is the largest school with approximately 3,000 students, over 150 faculty, and ten academic departments.

"One of the unique characteristics of this position is that we have strong expectations that the dean of liberal arts and sciences will work intimately and collaboratively with the dean of the John H. Lounsbury School of Education because the two schools are partners in teacher-educator preparation," Gormly said. "It's not enough that you can just carry the banner for Arts and Sciences; you've got to work collectively with Education."

The committee met for the first time in May. Over the summer, the preannouncement ad was made which announcing the vacancy.

A dean profile was also established describing what is being looked for in a SoLAS dean.

A large ad was also placed in various journals, including the Chronicle of Higher Education. All ads and announcements were pre-approved by Gormly, as well as the institutional equity person for GCSU.

So far, over 60 people have applied for the position. The estimation on applicants is several hundred by the beginning of October.

At the end of October, the top eight or ten candidates will come to Georgia, and interviews will be conducted at a hotel near the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Because the dean could come from any background, there is not one conference that the committee could go to interview candidates.

The committee will choose approximately three

candidates to bring to GCSU in early November for more interviewing. Here, the candidates will meet with faculty and students, as well as Gormly and President Dorothy Leland. Of these candidates, the committee will make a single recommendation to Gormly, who will make the final decision.

"We are many different departments, many different disciplines: the humanities, the sciences, the arts. And it's important that whoever we hire be someone who can represent the whole school. That's probably very very important in who we hire," Lammon said.

"I am hoping that we have closure and an offer made by the end of this academic year, now when the person will be actually able to set foot on this campus remains uncertain because people do have obligations to their current positions," Gormly said.

Besides education and experience, the search committee and Gormly are also looking at all attributes the candidates bring to the campus.

"Passion, enthusiasm, obviously experience is helpful, but I think that you've got to be able to listen and communicate well, and communication is both. You've got to be able to guide, stimulate, encourage- this is where the passion comes in," Gormly said.

The search committee will meet again on Oct. 5 to choose the top candidates for preliminary interviewing.

"I am consciously optimistic. I am pleased so far. It looks that we've got some first class materials out there. [This] speaks well for the university, as well as the school," Gormly said.

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could be hitting closer to home for them if they weren't directly affected by 9/11," said Chris Lamphere, counselor at GCSU. "But I think it's just a part of human nature to move on, there's a need to get back to something normal."

For many students not participating in some type of memorial on Tuesday didn't mean they were insensitive, the day was more about remembering what they learned from the tragedy.

"I never saw any advertisement for the memorial services but I still probably would not have gone to them if I had. You just remind yourself of the lesson it taught and you move on," said Logan Clarke a sophomore, currently undecided about his major. "The message is

that we are not untouchable and you never know when something like this will happen, you just keep living your life to the fullest."

Six years and several states away put a lot of time and space between GCSU and the tragedy that happened on Sept. 11. Students that were not directly affected or threatened have been able to put the incident in the past and move forward. But not everyone at GCSU has had that privilege.

"I was born in New York and lived there for several years," said Sacha Rojas, sophomore business major. "I have tons of family still living there. My parents came to the United States from the Dominican Republic in the early 1980s. My mom said the first thing she saw when the plane was flying into New York City was the twin towers. She said that is when she new she was in America. When the

attacks happened it was very emotional for my family. We are very patriotic because this country has given our family so much opportunity."

A new grass roots movement was recently created for the purpose of keeping alive the memory of the heroic acts that took place on 9/11. People can make a pledge to do something good on this anniversary at oneGoodDeed.org. The good deeds range from smiling and making an effort to be cheerful around others to mailing care packages to soldiers in Iraq.

This could be a way for the millennial generation not to dwell on tragedy of the past but to remind each of the acts of courage and humanity that resulted from that one morning in September.

To learn more about pledging a good deed visit www.myGoodDeed.org.

9/11 International perspectives



Name: Johan Cronvall
Country: Sweden
Location on 9/11: high school dorm with roommate.

"I had been to the World Trade Centers in 1999. I ate dinner in the restaurant there so it was really unreal seeing that place fall apart. We were also wondering what was going to happen now? Because the United States is such a super power, we had a lot of questions.

Since the attacks I think there has been some good things and some bad things. I'm sure the war on terror is probably good, kind of good, but I don't know about the war in Iraq. I mean there was only one group it seemed like, not all those people in Afghanistan. I think there has been a lot of unnecessary loss of life."



Name: Sofia Intriago
Country: Ecuador
Location on 9/11: eating in her high school cafeteria.

"The principal thought that maybe the terrorists could come there and attack us. To me it was kind of scary because I have family in New York. Everyone around me was saying that so many people had died and I had no way of knowing if my aunt and cousin were alright.

All my family in Ecuador does not understand why the U.S. wants to fight. They think this country wants to fight so they can be the best. Now I am affected more because I have a cousin who works on computers in the army. They sent him to Iraq in August. It just makes me wonder why are we still fighting after so long?"

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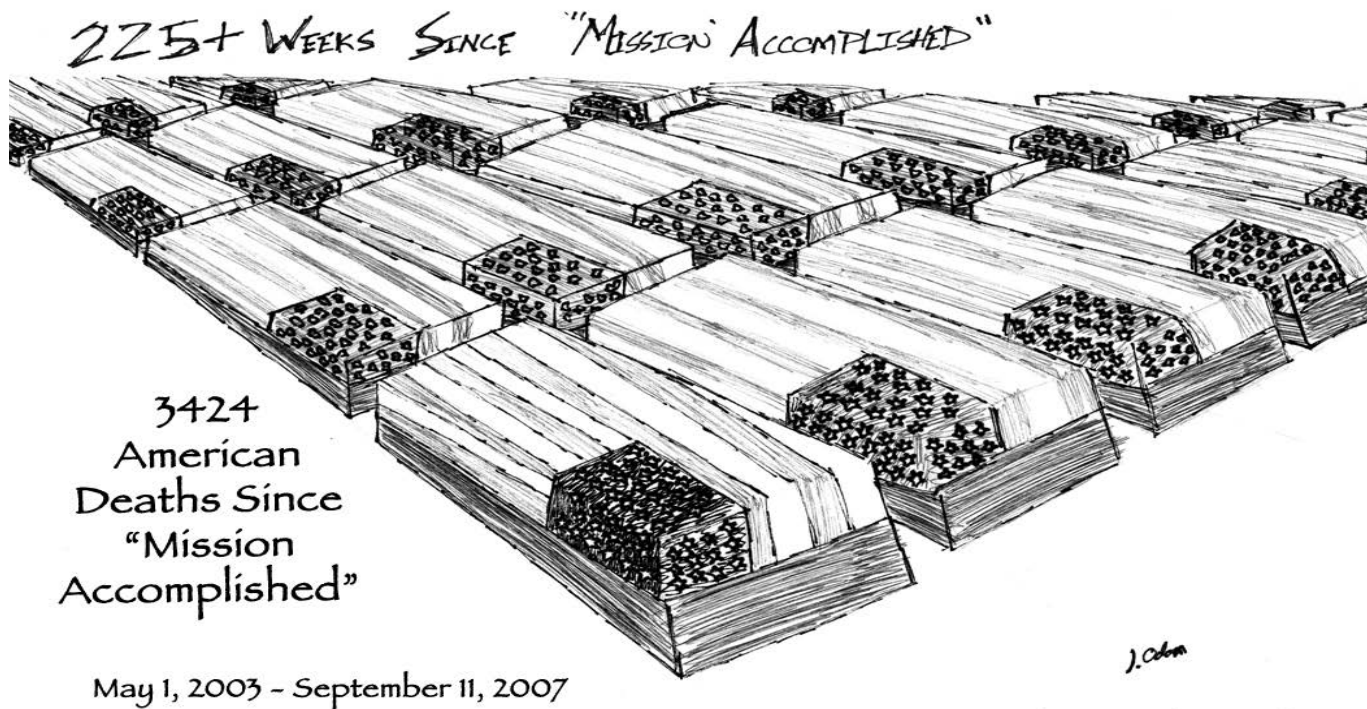
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Moderate parties a must for America



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away there lived a man. This man was just human, but his spirit was that of the immortal. This man overcame the great adversity of a childhood illness. His family was very prominent, but when World War II rolled around, he volunteered for enlistment with the Army. The Army refused him because of his weak body, but he used the persuasion of the director of the Office of Naval Intelligence to get him into the Navy. In August of 1943, his boat was attacked by a Japanese Destroyer and he was injured. Of course, that didn't stop him as he swam to rescue a fellow Navy man. He went on to give even more back to his country and became the 35th President of this great nation.

Before you get out your \$140 history textbook, I'll save you the time and tell you the answer. John F. Kennedy served our nation admirably on the front line and in the White House. Despite narrowly defeating Richard Nixon in the election of 1960, JFK unified

our nation with fresh ideas. Some of these ideas included cutting the income tax, building up our military, and being tough on Communism. Kennedy even took the unpopular position of supporting the death penalty despite his Roman Catholic beliefs were vehemently opposed to his position.

Perhaps the most amazing part of Kennedy's presidency was during his inaugural address when he said "ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Unfortunately, I feel as though Democrats have strayed from this very important statement. By supporting an ever growing welfare state, based on billions of dollars per year on government entitlements, Democrats are showing that they believe the question Americans should be asking is "what can the government do for me today?" And it's even more than welfare and medicaid that Democrats champion now. In addition, Democrats now champion socialist causes like socialized medicine and even the government picking up the tab on individuals' foreclosures when they are unable to pay their mortgages. There is no question that Democrats today have proven themselves to be a horrific perversion of Kennedy's vision.

Last November, Democrats were empowered by the American peo-

ple to end an unpopular war and keep President Bush in check. Their record on the war has been the exact same as that of the Republicans that were running the Congress and the Senate before them. They give Bush what he wants. Bush wants a 20,000 soldier surge in Iraq. Democrats let him have it. Bush wants more funding for the troops in Iraq. And Democrats let him have it. In fact, the Democratic congress has the distinction of having the lowest approval ratings in all of U.S. history. Bush has approval rating around the mid to high 30s. The congress has approval ratings in the 16-18 percent range.

However, Democrats haven't been this bad throughout all of the post Kennedy era. In 1992, Democrats nominated Bill Clinton, a Southern Governor who supported fair trade, middle class tax cuts, balancing the budget, and even the second amendment. Republicans, who felt betrayed after President George H. W. Bush raised their taxes in 1991, flocked to the charismatic Governor as he won the general election in a landslide. I'll be the first to tell you that I'm not President Clinton's biggest fan, but the fact is he had a generally unifying message based on mostly mainstream ideas. Democrats today seem to have a litmus test for nominating a candidate. That candidate must support abortion, must support gay

marriage, must never say they will cut taxes, and must have a comprehensive health care plan that involves federalizing the whole health care industry. Ironically, the Republican Party has become the one more willing to nominate the candidate they don't completely agree with. Rudy Giuliani, the GOP front-runner, supports abortion rights, gay marriage, is against the second amendment and raised taxes in New York reportedly 22 times (that fact comes from a Mitt Romney quote, so you can decide for yourself the authenticity of it).

Proof positive that the Democrats have become far too radical is the fact that in the last Presidential election they didn't carry a single Southern state. No President has ever been elected without winning at least one southern state. Democratic National Committee Chairman, Howard Dean, has said that there are only three issues that matter in the South, "God, guns and gays." Dean, a Vermont native, clearly hasn't spent enough time in the South. But who am I to question the Democrats' 41 state strategy?

The best thing for America is moderate, Constitutional, freedom loving parties that unify our great nation. After all, we are America, we like to have options.

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Our Voice

How much is too much?

There are conflicting views these days on the effectiveness of news media, especially with the introduction of television networks broadcasting news 24/7. These networks often times recycle news throughout the day until some new information "breaks" and then every aspect of that story is told until the general audience knows far more than is necessary.

In many cases, "breaking news" is no more than frivolous information, which feeds society's need to find failures in others. When it comes time to report stories such as natural disasters, and terrorist attacks, the audience is numb to the heightened language and emphasis placed on that powerful story.

Six years ago the world was exposed to a senseless act of terror that took over the world of media. Televisions, newspapers and the radio spent almost every minute depicting what happened on 9/11. Images were engrained into our minds and our sense of security was threatened. Even after the audiences knew all the details, they were replayed again and again. 9/11 was no longer breaking news but just a cycle of horrific images and recurring information.

Today, it seems as though we have grown tired of this same story. The newspapers all still cover it, you see it on TV and hear about it on the radio, but it does not make the impact it once did.

As has been stated, there simply isn't anything new to report. We've seen the footage of the buildings falling. We've seen the coffins containing bodies pulled from the rubble. There are no new images of Sept. 11, 2001.

All that remains is mourning, and tearful remembrance. And even that is starting to grow wearisome.

An example: On Tuesday evening, there was a memorial service for the sixth anniversary of 9/11. Only about 40 students were present. Why is this? Because we, as a nation, are ready for better news.

The pain we all felt on Sept. 11, 2001, will never completely fade away. However, it may be time to focus on happier ordeals. The day Pearl Harbor was attacked is still mentioned in the news, but it is not the main story each Dec. 7, maybe the same approach should be taken for 9/11.

Perhaps Pearl Harbor is a bad example, as it occurred 66 years ago. The pain has had time to numb, whereas an incident like the attack on the World Trade Center has only had six years to heal. Pearl Harbor has long become a scar, whereas 9/11 is still a healing scab.

The tragedy that day in New York City dominated television stations, radio frequencies and newspapers around the world. How often do other human atrocities do the same for us?

People die everywhere, every day for many reasons. Others, elsewhere, died on September 11, and were not noticed. Do their deaths matter less?

Granted, the death of so many Americans is tragic, but does it blind us to the bigger picture. How many people died in Darfur on Sept. 11 of this year? How many homeless across the world starved to death on Sept. 11, 2007? How many of these people made the news? How many were mourned?

Why do we mourn a scab, while other wounds still bleed freely?

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"This is a future we cannot accept"



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Naïveté has perhaps always been a fault of mine. For instance, I assumed that after trying to institute a city ordinance prohibiting students from living inside the historical district (I realize this is perhaps a slight overstatement, forgive me), that the city might take a break from further hindering of student activity within Milledgeville.

Unfortunately, the city

then decided to implement this two hour parking on all parking spaces around the college campus, and to compliment this, the college changed the commuter parking lot near campus to a faculty-only parking lot.

Normally, I would shrug this off, assuming that there was a perfectly good reason for this to have happened. However, I have to concede that I haven't seen such a blatant act against certain group of people before; and believe me, I wouldn't have come to this conclusion if it hadn't been for the simple fact that many students have two or more classes in a row on any particular day, commuters do not want to depend on the unreliable shuttle system to make it to class on time, and since the faculty-only parking lot never seems to be full, even in the middle of the

day. Perhaps now you see why two hour only parking is a bit unrealistic.

Look, I realize that not many outside this campus will read this article. But eventually the city of Milledgeville needs to realize that this campus is growing. The Colonnade itself pointed this out last week, and the college administration must be working with the city to point this out. The city needs a parking deck. End of story. However, just because it needs one, doesn't mean that it has to be a large, concrete monstrosity. It can be built underground, and though I realize this is expensive, it will pay for itself if the campus continues to grow. Also, the exterior aesthetic can be crafted to fit the antebellum look the town is going for. Originality goes a long way. Also, the students themselves who are

living in the historical district can take it upon themselves to make sure their presence isn't a nuisance to those who live around them. Take care of the place; if you hold parties, keep them in check. Just be a good neighbor.

GCSU and Milledgeville are both growing and if we don't want any more stupid decisions to be made, both groups will need to come together. For the time being however, violation stickers will be put on student's cars, the shuttle will continue to be unreliable, and the city will do more and more to force their idea of a perfect antebellum town on those just trying to go to school. This is a future we cannot accept.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There's more to Wes Crafton

Dear Editor,

I'm Molly McMillan. You should remember writing about me without my knowledge or consent in Volume 84, No. 3 of The Colonnade. I'd like to present you with some feedback on your article.

I was mistakenly under the impression that The Colonnade offered a different perspective on the news and on-goings of the community because, after all, it is the newspaper of a very opinionated and outspoken student body.

Unfortunately, for every word read in this specific article, I must have read and/or heard the same words possibly even verbatim from every other ignorant media outlet "covering" Wesley's story. I would even go as far as to assume that just like WMAZ (television station) and other local newspapers, you didn't take the time to interview or get to know Wes and certainly couldn't stand to portray him in the fair light that he desperately deserves.

It must have been easy for you to simply ignore the fact that Wes's intent was never at any point in time to harm anyone or anything, or that indeed, Wes has been trained to serve and protect you and other civilians by the United States Marine Corps. That must just be an unimportant, disposable fact that the students probably wouldn't care about any-

way. Not anything to worry about. Perhaps all of the praise going towards our Public Safety because they "saved the school from Wesley Crafton, the next college terrorist" should be re-analyzed. Given, they handled the situation well, but they're certainly no Supermen for responding to a false (although they didn't know it at the time) report about men who were about to murder as many GCSU students as possible rather than simply getting ready for a tasty meal at Barberitos.

While a majority of the article focused on the importance of tips to our security and how they may potentially save our campus, I find it slightly unusual that you let the fact that this all but anonymous tip, which stated the men were waiving their guns in the parking lot and hall of Foundation with intent to threaten or harm, happened to in fact be false. Again, maybe it's just another dispensable fact.

I could go on for days about the problems with your article and the articles exactly like it, but that's a futile thing to do. The damage is done. Wes is responsible, fun-loving, and the perfect man to 'bring home to mom,' but thanks to this article, students see him only as the second coming of the Virginia Tech murderer. Now, instead of people knowing that Wes made a stupid mistake, with many thanks to the media,

he will be remembered as a deadly threat to his student body.

I chose solely to write to you for two reasons. First, you unnecessarily used my name on the front page of this damning article without my permission and without notifying me. Second, as my college newspaper and student informer, one representing the thoughts of my fellow peers and me, I expected an article like this one to say something different, to reflect the story fairly, and to maybe do something everyone else failed to accomplish. God, did you ever let me down. I feel disappointed for expecting too much, hurt for the injustice that you of all people should strive to work against, and ultimately betrayed by the one "newspaper" that represents where my heart, home and friends reside.

Next time you decide to write such an eye-catching, controversial, front page story, maybe it wouldn't hurt for you to report all of the facts shedding every ray of light rather than just a shadow on your topic instead of writing specifically for a high shock factor and number of readers. Instead of writing for the masses, consider writing to them ... truthfully.

Molly McMillan
Freshman
English Major

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- Vice-president of student affairs Bruce Harshbargers name was misspelled in the article "handguns, ammo seized on campus."
- In the same article one of the guns was identified as a Walter pistol. The correct brand is Walther.
- In the previous issue of The Colonnade, an article stated that the Student Activity Center building was built in 1806. It was in fact built sometime between 1914-1915.

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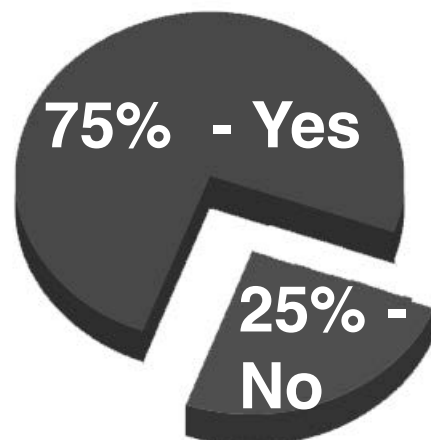
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Poll of the Week

Do you think GCSU Public Safety responded appropriately to the gun threat on campus on Aug. 23?



Next week's question:

What do you think of the skewed gender-ratio between men and women at GCSU?

Vote online at gcsunade.com

Got more to say? Let us know in a letter to the editor!



How do you contribute to the fight against Global Warming?



"I'm just now realizing the effects of Global Warming...I recycle and drive a fuel-efficient car."

Amy Sanner, Freshman, Undecided



"I think people should take it more seriously."

Carmen Quintanilla, Senior, Community Health



"I drive around in my 1978 Ford for no reason...with a broken tailpipe."

Brett Bowers, Senior, Sociology



"I don't."

Chris McKenzie, Freshman, English



"I recycle."

Kelly Millsaps, Junior, Creative Writing

Reported by James Odom

The Litter Box

Instant Message with "ColonnadeVent"
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I heard that two freshmen A league flag football teams were playing each other last Wednesday night. I was told when one team scored one kid yelled out, "WELCOME TO A LEAGUE BABY!!!" "Look son, you have no clue what a league football is really about, so my advice is to keep quiet and wait to be put in your place."

A tree limb fell on my truck and totaled it. Those Toyota Tacoma commercials are BS.

My printer jammed again. I swear I'm gonna go "Office Space" on this thing!

Hey Impulse. Yeah, you. Get off my interwebz!

My younger sister was REJECTED from GCSU and had to go to UGA as a catch school. Amazing. Things have changed.

So I definitely saw two bats getting it on at the intramural fields...CRAZY!

Nice to know that people that have licensed guns are being locked up....I sure feel safe knowing that if a crazed gunman like at VA TECH shows up, that the killer will be the only one with a gun. Who knows, if someone like Crafton was around when Cho was killing off students in VA - maybe the outcome would have been different.

A friend of mine just got a new kitten and I want one terribly!! I wish we could have pets at West Campus!

Why is it that when I call Wal-Mart, McDonald's answers?

Facebook's applications messing up all the time inconveniences me. How am I supposed to throw a sheep at my coworker when I'm staring at an error screen??

Country music sucks. Why does so much come through?

I'm off to tip my hat and raise my glass of cold, cold beer!

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Section Editor, Jessica Murphy

Livin' for the moment in Milledgeville

BY SALEM COOK
STAFF REPORTER

Gradually, Milledgeville has acquired a variety of cultural eateries. A market once dominated by pizza has become as diverse as the student body. Now students and others in the community can rely on their taste buds to pick out a restaurant, rather than a lack of selection.

Kuroshima is a recent addition providing Japanese cuisine. Barberito's and Puebla's offer Mexican food. Luigi's, The Brick, and Amici Italian Cafe supply the Italian blend, while The Velvet Elvis and Buffington's provide an American mix. Just around the bend, on Nov. 1, Pig in a Pit will be opening contributing bar-b-que to the list of eateries, completing quite a motley mix.

However, what is a meal without dessert? Blackbird Café has coffee and ice cream, while Scoops, just around the corner has ice cream and candy. Downtown Milledgeville now gives the stomach something to think about. Below is a list of specials and events taking place weekly.

	Blackbird Coffee	Velvet Elvis	Buffingtons	Amici	The Brick
Sunday				Wing Night	
Monday		Blackened Chicken Wrap	Sirloin Special, Open Mic Night	Trivia	
Tuesday	Acoustic Night	Stuffed Mushroom Appetizer	Karaoke	Dart Night	Wing Night
Wednesday	Poetry Jam	Chili Cheese Fries	Wing Night, Trivia	Wing Night	
Thursday	Improv	Chicken Parmesan Wrap	Live Music	Live Music	
Friday	Local Artists	Prime Rib Quesadilla	Seafood Special, Live Music	Live Music	
Saturday		Bad-b-que Chicken Sandwich	Seafood Special, Live Music	Live Music	



“There’s never a dull moment at the Buff.”

-Natalie Thomas, Senior



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“Capital City is a great venue for music. There is always a diverse crowd and the mechanical bull is always fun.”

-Amber Bennet, Senior



“It may sound weird, but I love how Velvet plays ‘Shout’ and everyone participates.”

-Ali MacLaren, Senior



How to become an RSO

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF WRITER

Despite having over 100 Recognized Student Organizations, GCSU still lacks some groups that are common at other institutions. There is no chess club, no archery club, no yearbook and no debate team. Fortunately, if the students of GCSU want these clubs, they can be easily established with some effort on the part of the students.

Each organization at GCSU had to start somewhere, and it's easy to form a new group.

This is how groups such as the Anime Club, which formed only last year, were formed. Anime Club Vice President Scott Howard can share his sentiment.

“I decided that I liked anime and there has to be other people who like anime,” Howard said. It

was this thought that spurred the Anime Club's first meetings last year, after being inactive.

According to the Student Life Web site, there are several guidelines for forming a new RSO:

- **Take initiative.** Find like-minded people, have an informational meeting, make a Facebook group, and get the word out. Gather enough interest to form an organization. The most important part of a club's success is the people involved, according to Ryan Greene, president of SGA.

- **Do the paperwork.** Fill out the Student Organization Application, which is available online through the Campus Life Web site.

- **Write it down.** Draft a constitution that states the club's purpose. There are sample constitutions in the Student Activities Center.

This will need to be updated every two years. “This was the most difficult part,” Howard said.

- **Turn it in.** Bring your application, constitution and a list of at least seven members to the Student Activities Center. According to Doris Henderson, senior administrative secretary of Campus Life and Student Activities, the deadline for registering an organization is Sept. 30.

- **Wait patiently.** The paperwork will go to the SGA president.

- **Find a sponsor.** An officer from the group should contact an SGA senator who will sponsor the organization by writing a bill. Senators will also be involved in any requests for money the club may make. A list of senators will be on the SGA website.

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Hispanic heritage celebrated

BY JAMIE FLEMING
SENIOR REPORTER

Cultural entertainment and delicious food are the recipes for fun as GCSU celebrates Hispanic Heritage month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

The heritage month is the anniversary for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, according to

Fact Monster. Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18 from Spain as well. The Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity will feature Hispanic regions each week starting Sept. 20 to celebrate Hispanic heritage and independence. For each week, there will be a performance or movie, and Sodexo will present food from the

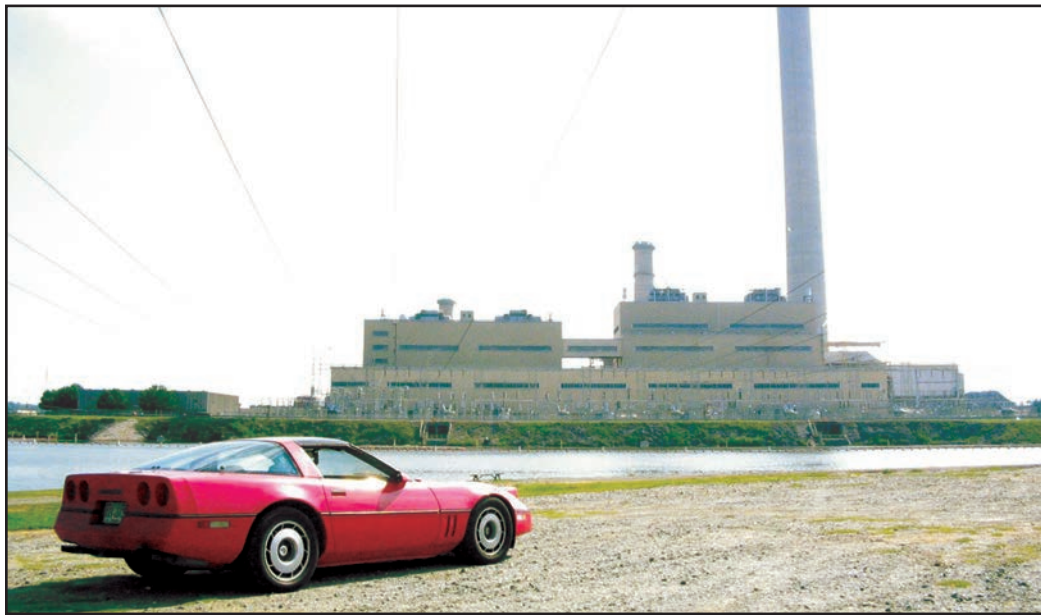
region on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Nadirah Ross, the diversity program coordinator, assisted in planning the events of Hispanic Heritage Month. She said that it is important for people to embrace others' experiences.

“Part of the thing that Hispanic Heritage Month does is that it celebrates

HISPANIC Page 8

Global warming packs heat



JAMES ODOM / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Many drivers steer away from cars like this 13 mpg '85 Corvette and are embracing more environmental-friendly options. Georgia Power's plant on Lake Sinclair, est. 1963, processes coal.

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF WRITER

Hypothetically speaking, let's take a walk in an average GCSU student's shoes. Her name is Jane, and the world she lives in is unlike the present.

Grabbing a bottle of frozen water from her dorm room, she leaves to prepare for an academic challenge.

The first thing she notices is the intensity of the air. The heat rises from the ground like steam in a sauna, and her rubber soled flip flops soften as an effect of the temperature in the cement.

Covered in sun block, hiding behind oversized sunglasses, and wearing a baseball cap, the heat still burns at her skin. Sweat drips down her back, and she notices that her throat is dry and craving hydration.

She pulls out her frozen water bottle; however, the temperature has melted her water. Disappointed but still thirsty, she gulps down the lukewarm water and continues to walk to class.

Arriving at the Art and Sciences building, Jane quickly grabs a newspaper and runs up the stairs to her class.

She slips off her book bag and checks the damage that the sweat has done to her shirt. While removing her sunglasses and hat, she notices a whistling sound, and wonders where it is coming from.

With the temperature being in the record highs, the sound was that of the air conditioning struggling to produce a satisfying cooling sensation. The temperature was affecting everyone and everything, even the air condition unit.

Having five minutes before class starts, Jane becomes intrigued by the main headline of the newspaper. “Arctic Ice Sheets No Longer Exist,” the headline reads. The ocean is rising.

Frantically flipping to page six to see the continuation of the article, Jane discovers that the rise in the sea level has caused severe flooding to many coastal regions. Just inches below the Arctic Ice Sheets article, is another interesting headline that reads, “Severe Warm Waters Cause Several Hurricanes.”

Disturbed by the information revealed in the newspaper, Jane folds it back up and places it in her book bag. Class begins, and the topic on the floor is current events.

GLOBAL Page 8

Individuality held Ransom

BY JESSICA MURPHY
SENIOR REPORTER

It's not an uncommon sight to walk past the Arts & Sciences Fountain and see bubbles floating through the air. A careful look around will reveal the source; the man is Tony "Dreadlocks" Ransom and he is standing beside the fountain, blowing bubbles out of a small blue bottle.

"I like to blow bubbles because I like the way they look. They are almost magical and you don't really have any control over them, they just float into the wind," Ransom said. "Generally they make people happy, they make me happy."

Bubble blowing is just one of many unique characteristics that makes Ransom one of the most talked about students around campus. Add the fact that he hardly ever wears shoes, carries a cane frequently, sports sunglasses at almost all times and his signature dreadlocks, that he just cut recently, combined with such a free spirit, you end up with a unique individual who is just trying to get GCSU students to realize that it's ok to just be yourself.

"The students here, I feel like a lot of them are just afraid to be who they want to be. There are just so many expectations for them," Ransom said. "I just wish people would not feel obligated to conform."

Amanda Brownlee, a junior art major, has been friends with Ransom since freshman year and applauds Ransom for having such a free spirit towards life.



JAMES ODOM / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

"I like to paint monsters and ghosts," Ransom said. "I used to always see those dancing skeletons and it influenced me."

"College is all about finding yourself and then staying true to that self," Brownlee said. "Tony is a person that is taking full advantage of discovering exactly who he is and doing his best to enjoy his life in the mean time."

Until recently, Ransom was known as the student with colorful dreadlocks and an odd sense of style. But, with start of fall semester, Ransom felt as if he needed a change and cut off his dreads.

"One of the main reasons why I cut my dreads off is because I wanted to see how people would react," Ransom said.

"My hair is who I am and its just one way that I send a message. It's more of a tool than an identity trait," Ransom said. "My dreads have been a part of me for so long, I can see why so many people would respond to me cutting them off."

Junior Kayla Peavy, was supportive of Ransom's decision about going completely bald.

"I think it was a good

idea because it has helped him keep cool, not cool like awesome; cool like, a lower temperature and (hopefully) people will stop asking him for drugs and calling him a hippie," Peavy said. "By the way, he doesn't do drugs and he isn't a hippie."

Beside the dreadlocks and bare feet, Ransom is an avid painter and a well-known artist in the GCSU community. He is vice president of Art Tank and has a Facebook group dedicated to his artwork.

Casey Sullivan, who is president of Art Tank, speaks highly of Ransom and his dedication to the art program at GCSU.

"He's constantly brimming with wild ideas that make Art Tank exciting. Right now he's working on finding us jumpsuits, uniforms for Art Tank," Sullivan said. "He's 100 percent dependable and I don't think he's ever missed a meeting or event. Plus, he's crazy about art. What's not to love about him?"

RSO

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• **Support SGA.** The organization's request to form will be placed on the agenda for the next SGA meeting. At least one member of the group should be present.

• **Wait some more.** "The whole process will take about two weeks," Greene said. The request to form an organization moves on to be approved by the Student Affairs Council and then the

group's status will be known.

• **Follow the rules.** Once an organization is formed, there are certain responsibilities that must be fulfilled. A group must use GCSU in their name, actively recruit members on campus, and participate in the Bobcat Marketplace. It must also renew its RSO status yearly.

• **Reap the benefits.** The organization also has privileges as an RSO. It has access to a mailbox in The Student Activity Center,

can reserve space on campus and can apply for funds from SGA for events and supplies. Plus, organizations can fundraise on campus to supplement their budgets.

• **Don't give up.** As a new organization, there are still challenges out there. A new group has to publicize to gain new members and get a turnout for events. Once a solid membership is formed, there is the issue of maintaining those numbers. Learn from the experience of other groups.



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Hispanic Heritage Month Events

Sept. 20 - Oct. 11

West Indies - Sept. 20

- 6 p.m. Island Meal in Sodexo
- 7 p.m. Film, "Calle 54"

South America - Sept. 27

- 6 p.m. South American Meal in Sodexo
- 7 p.m. Capoeira performance

Cuba - Oct. 4

- 6 p.m. Cuban Meal in Sodexo, music & dancing
- 7 p.m. Orquesta MaCuba performance

Mexico - Oct. 11

- 6 p.m. Mexican fiesta in Sodexo
- 7 p.m. Film, "Walk Out"

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the Independence Days of some of the countries," Ross said. "It highlights a lot of the aspects of different cultures, and that's what we want to do at GCSU."

Ross said it is important for the campus to embrace and celebrate Hispanics' freedom.

"Freedom and independence is not just an American thing; it's a world thing," Ross said. "We need to celebrate it."

She said she wants students to take away an appreciation for Hispanic culture and to think beyond who they are since GCSU is a liberal arts university.

"When we leave Georgia College, we're going into the world, and you need to have a mindset that life is more than just about these borders," Ross said. "You need to expand your horizons [and with that] means expanding your experiences."

Global

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quick to inform the class about how health risks have increased since the extreme temperatures have developed. Hantavirus, malaria, and dengue fever were just a few of the diseases she named as becoming more prevalent than ever.

Jane sits and wonders what has happened to the world, and if this could have been prevented?

This scenario is that of global warming and its many effects. If action is not taken now, this will be the future. Even as college students, there are small deeds that can be done to help against global warming.

Global warming "is an issue that has come to the limelight in the last five to six years," says Saugatta

Datta, an GCSU environmental science teacher.

Datta reveals that since 1975, population growth has been a factor in the amount of carbon dioxide that is now trapped in the atmosphere. The larger the population, the more energy is needed; hence, more products are produced through fossil fuel burning manufacturing.

A change in the global warming issue "can start from the root level of a family," states Datta. Using less energy and burning fewer fossil fuels are the small things that add up to eventually making a difference.

Brayli James, a GCSU biology major, agrees that, "global warming is a very serious issue." She further explains, "We as a people have to be aware of what is going on around us."

James believes that "starting out with something small can grow to minimizing global warming." One of her suggestions was "switching our regular lamps out with energy saving bulbs."

Julia Allen and Cayla McMichael, GCSU freshmen, both agree that, "utilizing the public transportation provided and carpooling more often, will show a slowing of the global warming process."

Datta states, "whatever we can do will accumulate and have an overall effect." The excessive release of carbon dioxide that is in the atmosphere is sadly irreversible. All countries must now work together to prevent a problem that will affect everyone regardless of who is to blame.

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The Colonnade's Guide to Athletics and Recreation

Intramurals 2007: The people in charge

Referees are integral part of flag football

BY ANDY KELLY
STAFF WRITER

The familiar noises and smells that come with the first hike of the football are back as GCSU starts intramural flag football again.

As teams start competing, the games can get intense. One of the most important and underappreciated aspects of flag football is the referee.

Referee teams of three officiate each game, two on the side and one referee in the middle.

Jennifer Arroyo, graduate assistant of intramurals and one of the referee coordinators, explains the process behind becoming a referee.

"We have a three day training program which includes at least one day of practice with actual teams on the field," Arroyo said.

The staff for the flag football intramurals includes: 12 referees, 12 scorekeepers,

Referees Page 10

Rules to play by

- Each team will have seven players on the field during the game.
- Games consist of two 20-minute halves, with a two-minute halftime.
- Mercy rule will be put into affect if a team is leading by 19 points (25 in Co-Rec) with two minutes remaining in the game.
- The offensive team has 25 seconds to put the ball in play after the referee's signal.

More rules can be found in the flag football section of the Campus Life website at info.gcsu.edu/intranet/campus-life/imrec.htm



ANDREA GRIFFIN / SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER
A member of flag football team, Up Dawg (in orange), accelerates passed her opponents, on Hammer Time (in blue), in a Co-Recreational game last week.

New coordinator brings big plans

BY MITCHELL DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

GCSU has seen seven intramural coordinators in seven years. Hard to believe coming from a school with a student body deeply involved in a successful intramural program. Bert Rosenberger plans to change this high turnover rate.

"I can guarantee I'll be here longer than two years or three years or probably even five years," said Rosenberger, the newly appointed coordinator of intramural and recreational sports.

He calls Jacksonville, Fla. home, and, at 14, moved to Atlanta where he played football and wrestled at

McEachern High School in Cobb County. He then went to Georgia Southern, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in recreation. His work at the Milledgeville Parks and Recreation Department gave Rosenberger valuable experience and created important ties with the city of Milledgeville.

"When I'm out on the [intramural] fields at night is when I can breathe, you know, that's my element," said Rosenberger.

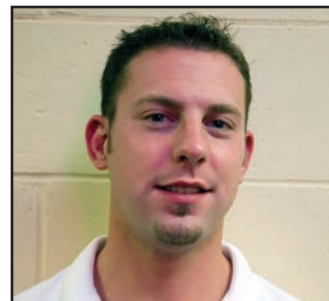
Better officiating is a key aspect of Rosenberger's plans for GCSU intramurals. As an intramural official himself, he was selected to referee in the national intramural tourna-

ment in New Orleans. He plans to aid GCSU officials in finding jobs outside the school.

"As I learn who the more advanced officials are, I want to start creating some outside opportunities for them, like high school football, baseball basketball, whatever their expertise is in," Rosenberger said. "They're going to go and do some high school games and work with some other officials."

Rosenberger said this will allow these students to make money as well as become better referees for GCSU

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BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

The name Michael Vick, once synonymous with Atlanta Falcons football, will now live on in history as the most prominent figure to date in the dogfighting underworld.

Of course by now you have seen the news and heard about the heinous accounts of abuse to the pit bulls.

Vick admitted to dispensing money for gambling on dogfights and assisting in the execution of six to eight pit bulls.

So if a well-known athlete such as Vick can be so deeply involved in the undertakings of dogfighting society, could it be that there is a much bigger problem than one particular athlete with more money than he knows what to do with?

The answer, simply put, is yes.

In fact, police know that there is dogfighting going on locally, very possibly right here in Baldwin County.

Tom Davis, a Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent and professor of criminal justice at GCSU, said that dogfighting is not uncommon in this area.

"They are good at covering themselves," Davis said. "Better, even, than drug dealers are."

Davis said that dogfighters usually have their own system within rings that they use very well to cover their tracks.

"They will call each other and say to meet at this time, and then call back a little while later with a new time, and just keep doing it until they know we won't catch on," said Davis.

He went on to explain how vicious these dogs are bred to be, explaining that GBI agents will not even enter the pens the dogs are stored in to search properties.

Even Whoopi Goldberg acknowledged that dogfighting is part of a Deep South culture, last week on "The View."

So, what has to be done to stop this?

The first step has to be education. There has to be something that teaches people, starting at a young age that, like drugs and murder, dogfighting is a serious crime.

Hopefully the Vick case will shed some light on the subject and open the eyes of people involved in what appears to be less of an isolated incident and more of a widespread cultural problem.

Golfers swinging into fall season

By Matt Baum
Staff Writer

Despite a twelfth place finish in the Kiawah Island Invitational in South Carolina, Tuesday, GCSU's golf team is optimistic about the fall season, in which they look to build upon a sixth place national finish last spring.

The key questions coming into any season are, "What are we gaining?" and "What are we losing?" For GCSU's golf team this year, the answers to those questions are, "A whole lot" and "not much."

The Bobcats are set to tee off their fall golf season to prepare to take a run at a Peach Belt Conference championship in the spring season, a coveted trophy

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Bobcat soccer starts season on fire

By Lee Sandow
Senior Reporter

The GCSU Bobcats are now 3-1 this season after their consecutive victories against Florida Tech on Sept. 7 and the University of North Alabama on Sept. 9.

The team defeated Florida Tech 1-0, and the University of North Alabama 4-1.

"It was a good weekend," Coach Robert Parr said. "We came back with two region wins. The Florida Tech team we'd never seen before, and it's good to go up against an unknown opponent and get the results that you want."

Junior Hayley Ferrell continued her hot streak, scoring one goal in the game against Florida Tech and a hat trick (three goals in one game) against UNA.

Ferrell is only the second Bobcat in GCSU history to perform a hat trick. Current sophomore Lyric Burnett performed the first hat trick in a game against Lander



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The Bobcat soccer team practices last week before beating Florida Tech and the University of Alabama.

University in 2006.

For her outstanding performance in the past several games, Ferrell was named GCSU Athlete of the Week for the second time in 2007.

Other standout athletes were sophomore Jamie

Nevin who scored the remaining goal in the game against the University of North Alabama.

Parr was also pleased with the performances of the team as whole, especially with the perform-

ances of new freshmen athletes.

The game against Florida Tech was "a very physical match," according to Parr. Two Bobcats were injured during the game.

"We had to fill in those positions (against UNA)," Parr said. "And they did a great job."

The Bobcats next game will be at home against the undefeated University of North Carolina at Pembroke on Saturday, Sept. 15. This game will be the first home game of the 2007 season, and will also mark the start of this year's Peach Belt Conference. The game is free to all students with a valid Bobcat Card.

"We're looking forward to being at home," Parr said. "We'd really love to see a ton of support from the community up here. Help cheer us on."



Upcoming Sports

Soccer:

Friday 7 p.m. UNC-Pembroke

Cross Country:

Saturday @ GA State

Men's Tennis:

Fri.-Sun. GCSU Men's Fall Tourn.

Golf:

Mon.-Tues. @ Francis Marion Tourn.

Stat of the Week

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The number of GCSU Athlete of the Week awards junior soccer player, Hayley Ferrell, has earned so far this season. She won the award again for this past week.

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that has eluded the team for seven years since its last championship in 2000. But the strength of this year's roster and a preseason No. 5 national ranking has them eyeing an even bigger prize.

"Team wise, I'm pretty sure I speak for everyone when I say a national championship is our biggest priority, especially after last year's season," said freshman business major Billy Shida, part of a very strong incoming freshmen class.

Shida and freshmen Jeff Rivers, Bailey Craig and, redshirt freshman, Matthew Yontz, are a large reason for the Bobcats high expectations this year.

From the team that finished sixth in the NCAA Tournament last spring, only stand out Johan Cranvall, who led the team with six top-20 finishes last year, is gone. Besides adding four excellent freshmen to the roster, GCSU returns 2007 Ping All-American Niclas Szieger, who will begin the season slowly as he comes back from a shoulder injury incurred in the off-season. Also returning are starters Kyle Collins, Juan Biale, Francisco Bide and Niclas Johansson, the four who accounted for 15 top-20 finishes last season.

Even with a star-studded cast, a run at the national or Peach Belt title will not be easy. Conference rivals Columbus State University and The University of South Carolina at Aiken begin the season ranked third and sixth, respective-



BROOKE BROOKINS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshman Matthew Yontz practices his swing before heading to South Carolina for the Kiawah Island Invitational, last Monday. Yontz, along with fellow freshman Joe Young, paced the Bobcats by shooting 63-67.

ly. CSU finished fourth at nationals last year, but lost three starters while Aiken looks to have yet another good team after failing to win a national championship last year for the first time since 2003.

"The Peach Belt Conference is the toughest conference in terms of golf," says Head Coach Jimmy Wilson, who is going into his twelfth year as GCSU's golf coach.

Wilson carries a streak of ten consecutive national tournament appearances into this season.

"For the fall, we just want to try and get everybody some playing time and find out who are our top five," Wilson said.

The coach said he will be seeing as many as nine players play this fall in order to find the best for the spring.

"All of the rookies came in ready to compete. We've got six of seven returning from last year and four freshmen in the top five."

It would seem pretty characteristic of a man who is paid to play golf nearly every day to seem relaxed but, for Wilson, there is definitely more to it. GCSU's roster, that almost came away with a PBC and National title last year, only got better, so there is room for more than a little optimism.

Referees

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and six supervisors.

According to Arroyo, six of the referees are also playing flag football this year, and all but three are new to the program.

Adam Gillhouse, Chris Russell and Douglas Eggers make up one of the several referee teams on payroll.

Gillhouse explained what drove him to become a referee.

"I needed a job and I

enjoy football," Gillhouse said. "I might as well be doing something I love outside."

Out of the three, Russell is the only one who has refereed other games before.

"I've refereed several other sports in the intramural program," said Russell. "This is my first year in football."

Eggers started refereeing after watching his friend do the job and deciding he could referee himself.

"My favorite part of being a ref is telling people

what to do," Eggers said.

All three of them agree that the foul committed the most is flag guarding.

"Just keep the football out away from the flags and you should be fine," Gillhouse said. "The biggest mistake is when players run with the ball tucked in by their side."

Arroyo encourages anyone that wants to take part in the intramural staff to come by the office.

"We are always looking for new people," Arroyo said. "Just come by our office on the third floor of the SAC and sign up."



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Intramural referees (from left to right) Adam Gillhouse, Chris Russell and Douglas Eggers pose during halftime at a flag football game last week. Intramural football is very popular among GCSU students with 84 total teams in seven divisions.

Coordinator

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intramurals.

Another important goal of the Rosenberger era at GCSU is to upgrade the facilities.

"I would like to bring

the facilities to a better place than they are, you know, I want to make them more than just safe to play," Rosenberger said. "I want them to be good. I want our facilities to be at a level to where we can host a state tournament, you know, a state softball tournament or

whatever and be proud to have other teams come in." Students interested in becoming intramural officials may apply on the third floor of the Student Activities Center in the Campus Life office.

Positions for serious applicants are still available.

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Friday, Sept. 14-
Thursday, Sept. 20

Friday, September 14

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. GCSU Tennis Men's Fall Tournament, Centennial Center
2 p.m. Poker Tournament, Magnolia Ballroom
8 p.m. An Evening with a Jazz Ambassador featuring Charles Marshall, Outdoor Concert at Black Heritage Plaza

Saturday, September 15

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. GCSU Tennis Men's Fall Tournament, Centennial Center

Sunday, September 16

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. GCSU Tennis Men's Fall Tournament, Centennial Center

Monday, September 17

4 p.m. Art as an Agent for Change Meeting, Lanier 211
4 - 5 p.m. Fall Seminar Series: The US FWS---What We Do on our Behalf, Herty 250
7 p.m. Constitution Day Address, A&S Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: Lisa Lombardo, Bassoon, and Richard Merceir, Piano, Max Noah Recital Hall

Tuesday, September 18

5:30 p.m. Beggeman - Gordon Lecture Series: Dr. Frances Smith Foster, A&S Auditorium
7 p.m. STAND Meeting, Chapell 105
8 p.m. BCM: Synergy, Magnolia Ballroom

Wednesday, September 19

2 - 3:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays: Interview Preparation and Skill Identification, Lanier 232
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting, Atkinson 107
4 p.m. Herman Cain, Syndicated Talk Show Host and Former CEO and Chairman of Godfather's Pizza, A&S Auditorium
8 pm. CAB Presents: The Futurists! Magnolia Ballroom
8:30 p.m. International Club Coffee Night, Kilpatrick Lounge

Thursday, September 20

12 - 1p.m. Modern Foreign Language: What To Do With this Major? University Banquet Room - A

Please send calendar submissions to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu.

THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Facebook used to annoy

On Sept. 5, an officer was dispatched to The Village in reference to a subject using Facebook for annoying purposes. The officer made contact with the female who stated that a male student had come to her door around the first day of school. The two had been communicating using Facebook until inappropriate questions were asked by the male. The female then blocked the male from Facebook. Statement was obtained from complainant.

Underage possession

On Sept. 6, at approximately 6:25 p.m., Officer Williams was dispatched to The Village in reference to a possible drug activity. Officer Williams made contact with a male resident who said that several subjects had been smoking marijuana about 45 minutes earlier. A housing report was filed. Officer Williams was unable to take action at this time as the subjects left the scene 45 minutes earlier. At approximately 7:09 p.m., Officer Williams conducted a traffic stop at Clarke and Montgomery Streets for failure to yield while turning left. Contact was made with the driver. The driver was one of the suspect who left the scene at The Village. The driver admitted to being at The Village earlier and also consented to a search of his vehicle. The search revealed two boxes of beer, three glass smoking devices with marijuana residue in them and a small

amount of marijuana. The male passenger claimed one of the smoking devices and the marijuana. The driver was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol and marijuana. All contraband was taken as evidence.

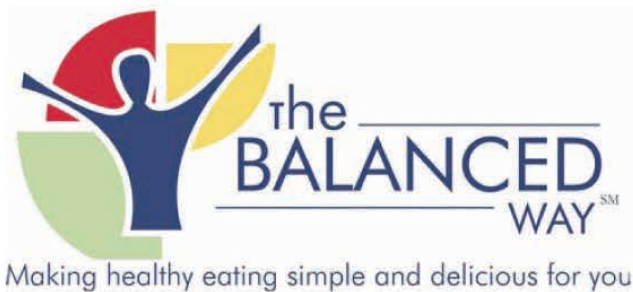
Man filed with charges for endangering child

On Sept. 7, Sgt. English observed a male parked in a handicapped parking space and exit a vehicle with a 3-month-old child strapped to his chest and enter into the Jets Food Store on Hancock Street. Sgt. English made contact with the man and called for assistance. Officer Gaines arrived on scene, and found the man sitting in his vehicle with the child strapped to his chest and a Bud Light can, half-full and cool to the touch. The man submitted to an Alco-sensor test to which he tested positive. He also submitted to HGN field sobriety test. The man was then placed under arrest for suspected DUI. The vehicle was secured and towed by Old Capitol Wreckers. The child was turned over to the mother. The man was then transported to GCSU police department where he was administered the State breath test. He registered a BAC of .136. The man was then transported to Milledgeville police department where he received citations for DUI, DUI child in endangerment, open container, child safety seat violation, and handicapped parking violation.

Information compiled
by Ana Maria Lugo

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DINING options



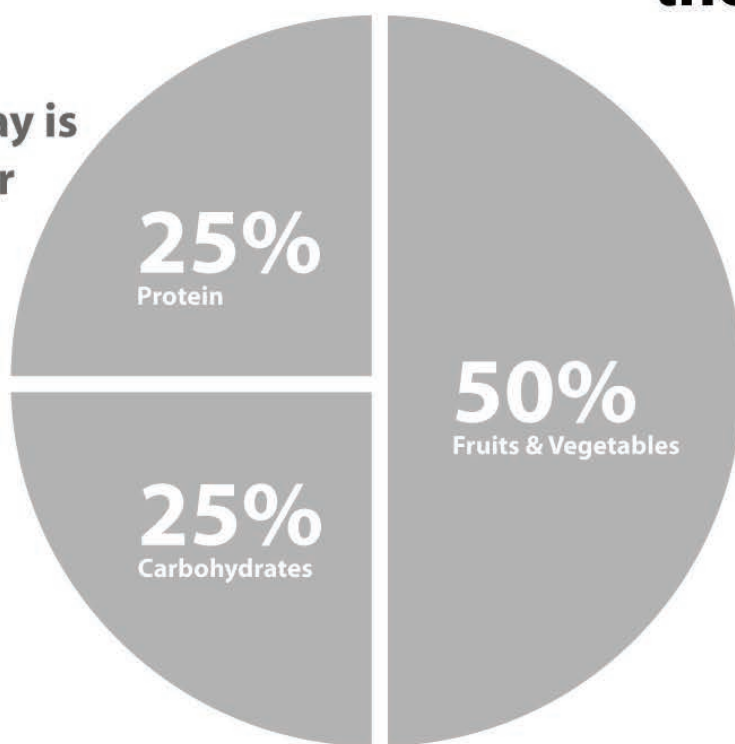
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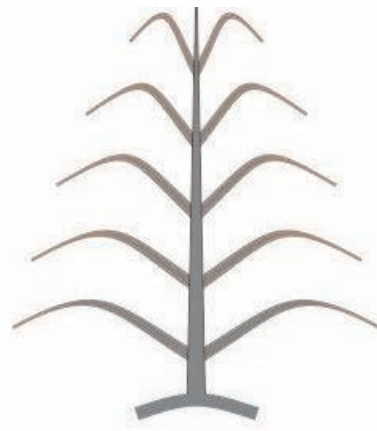


Noodle Bowl

Check out this signature plate which will be served on Thursday's dinner at the International line.



Nash and Suzy prefer their meals the balanced way. They can count on eating less than 600 calories for a whole meal!



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